

11 October 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

Bob:

On 3 October [] came to talk with me about his replacement as Chief of the Mobilization and Military Personnel Division when he retires. (I assume that he made this appointment with the full knowledge and permission of [])

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The gist of our conversation was that [] recommended that [] be designated as his replacement. As you know, this proposition has been put to me several times before. I think that [] is a very capable individual and is unquestionably able to perform these duties in a most creditable manner. However, I continue to feel that our relation with the military services will be better if we have an active duty officer in charge of our Military Personnel Division. Although General Johnson, the Army Chief of Staff, and General James Woolnough are both long-time personal friends of mine, in all candor I believe they do not understand and are not too sympathetic with the Agency. In any case, I have reservations about appointing a CIA civilian employee to fill this position, the primary function of which is to manage the affairs of military personnel on detail to the Agency and to ensure to the extent possible that their military careers are advanced rather than hindered. I conveyed this to []

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As he was leaving my office, he said that, in anticipation of his retirement, he wondered if I would have any objection to his working with the Agency on a contract basis after he has retired. I told him that I certainly would have no objection

provided there was a bona fide need for his services. I do not know of any such requirement, and I believe it would be inappropriate to use him in the Military Personnel Division.

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